

### THE CALIFORNIA LOW CARBON FUEL STANDARD

### **MARKET OPPORTUNITY FOR NGVs**









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#### **Presentation Overview**

■ Background and overview of California's Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS)

☐ Think about this — How can carbon markets be a catalyst for infrastructure investment?



### **Background:**

#### The Low Carbon Fuel Standard



- Jan 2007 Governor Schwarzenegger signs executive order S-01-07 establishing the California Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS)
- Drivers:
  - AB 32 passes in September 2006; 1990 CO2 levels by 2020
  - ➤ 40% of California's CO2 inventory comes from transportation
  - > 96% of California's transportation fuels are petroleum based
- Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) Basics:
  - World's first "performance based" GHG standard for transportation fuels
  - ➤ 10% reduction in California's transportation fuel mix by 2020
  - Market based approach
  - Life-cycle analysis (LCA) basis
  - Measurement metrics are Millions of metric tons, and mass of CO2 per unit of energy (gCO2/MJ)
- Schedule:
  - CARB Hearing scheduled March 2009
  - Implementation January 2010

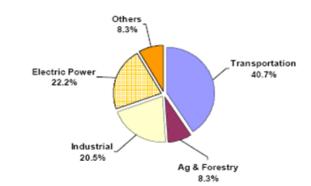


Figure 3 - Greenhouse Gas Emission Inventory - 2005



# Overview of draft regulatory structure and requirements

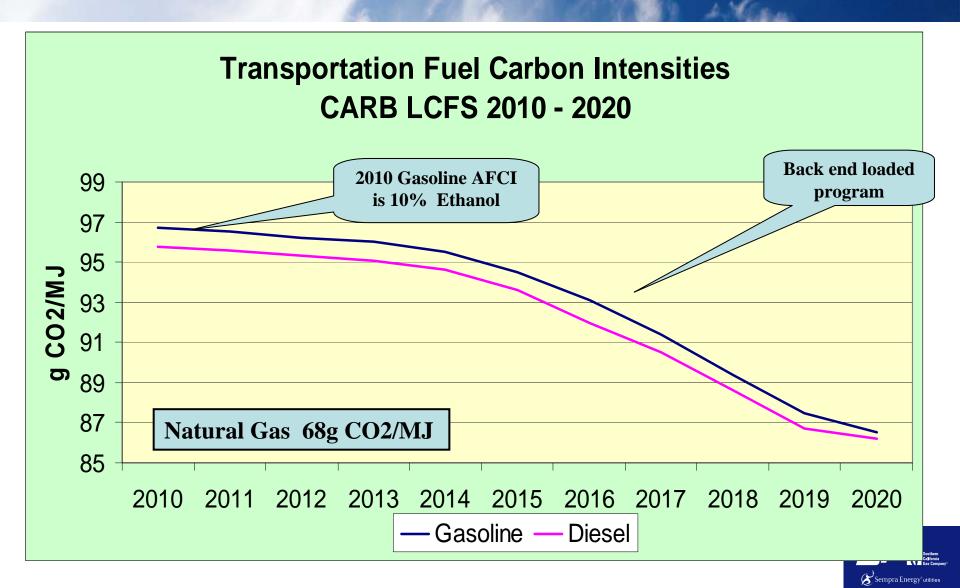


- ☐ Two fuel markets Gasoline & Diesel
- Applies to all transportation fuel providers with few exceptions (low volume)
- ☐ Market credits can be earned and sold, banked or retired; do not expire (2020)
  - Banking allowed, no borrowing, can run a 1 year deficit if <10% of your req.
  - LCFS credits may be traded into other validated carbon markets, i.e. AB 32 market, not visa versa (pending, may not hold)
- Quarterly reporting, annual true-up April 30 of each successive year
- ☐ Requirements:
  - ➤ Gasoline and Diesel Carbon Intensities (AFCI) very close
    - ✓ Gasoline: 96.7 => 86.5 grams CO2/mega joule (g CO2/MJ)
    - ✓ Diesel: 95.8 => 86.2 g CO2/MJ
    - ✓ Natural gas ~68 g CO2/MJ



# Transportation Fuel Market Requirements





## What does this mean for the NGV market?





- ➤ NGVs offer a GHG footprint 20 30% below the standards
  - ✓ NGVs provide a cost-effective, ready made solution today!
  - ✓ Biogas increases GHG benefits dramatically
- Petroleum fuel providers will need credits
  - ✓ Biodiesel integration will be more challenging than expected
  - ✓ Cellulosic ethanol is years off
  - ✓ CARB will hold firm to targets if alternatives are available to fill the need
- Regulatory construct can enable infrastructure investment
  - ✓ Renewable gas projects, contractually nominate output
- ➤ Help us make this happen join the CNGVC!

